

Public Schools Branch

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NOTICE TO PARENTS

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

- All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on our website by 7:00 A.M. An announcement that "all classes in the Public Schools Branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools. (See Below)

ONE HOUR DELAY

- If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 A.M.

LATE BUSES

- In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late).

SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY

- It may be necessary to close school part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our PSB website as early as possible.
- Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

EXTREME WEATHER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

- Should the Department of Transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off Island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.
- On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch, or remain outside upon morning arrival.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

- **The final decision** to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
- **Please do not drop children off at school** unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
- **Please listen** to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 A.M. daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 A.M.
- **Please do not** call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

FAMILIES OF SCHOOLS

WESTISLE FAMILY	THREE OAKS	KENSINGTON FAMILY	BLUEFIELD FAMILY
Westisle Composite Hernewood Intermediate M.E. Callaghan Intermediate Alberton Elementary Bloomfield Elementary Ellerslie Elementary O'Leary Elementary St. Louis Elementary Tignish Elementary	Three Oaks Senior High Summerside Intermediate Athena Consolidated Miscouche Consolidated Elm Street Elementary Greenfield Elementary Parkside Elementary	Kensington Int. Sr. High Queen Elizabeth Elementary <u>KINKORA FAMILY</u> Kinkora Regional High Somerset Elementary Amherst Cove Consolidated	Bluefield Sr. High Central Queen's Elementary East Wiltshire Intermediate Englewood Elliot River Elementary Gulf Shore Consolidated Westwood Primary
CHARLOTTETOWN FAMILY	MONTAGUE FAMILY		MORELL FAMILY
Charlottetown Rural High Donagh Regional Glen Stewart Primary L.M. Montgomery Elem. Sherwood Elementary Stonepark Elementary Stratford Elementary West Kent Elementary Colonel Gray Senior High	Birchwood Intermediate Parkdale Elementary Prince Street Elementary Queen Charlotte Inter. Spring Park Elementary St. Jean Elementary West Royalty Elementary	Montague Regional High Belfast Consolidated Cardigan Consolidated Georgetown Elementary Montague Intermediate Southern Kings Consolidated Vernon River Consolidated	Morell Consolidated Morell Regional High Mt. Stewart Consolidated <u>SOURIS FAMILY</u> Souris Regional

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Together we will work to ensure a safe winter for all of our
children.***